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Dear John:

Earlier today I sent the enclosed to Forrest Sawyer, the fellow who interviewed us. As you can see, what I thought important about the interview was that both Colby and I were of the "firm conviction that Yurchenko was genuine and was never a plant."

Sorry if I caused trouble. I surely didn't intend to do.

Best,

Honorable John N. McMahon
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Dear Mr. Sawyer:

I never know if I make any sense at that hour of the morning, but I could tell that Colby was and surely you were. It is a consummate art: making a four-minute exchange between three people look unhurried and even informative.

If we had anything to offer, it was the firm conviction that Yurchenko is genuine and was never a plant. One of Graham Greene's characters (who, come to think, ends up in Moscow) is a white South African who describes himself as "not of the torturable class." Yurchenko would be in that category. You don't use the head of the First Directorate for bait.

Best,

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